

**Provisional Programme for Inform Anniversary Conference
 'Minority Religions: Contemplating the Past and Anticipating the Future'
 Friday 31 January – Sunday 2 February 2014**

Friday 31 January 2014	
15.00	Registration
15.30	Tour of the LSE Campus
16.30	Talk about the LSE by Simeon Underwood, Academic Registrar and Director of Academic Services
17.30	Welcome and Plenary Panel A: a Word from our "Stakeholders"
19.30	Launch of the Ashgate-Inform Series on Minority Religions and Spiritual Movements and Reception with refreshments (provided)

Saturday 1 February 2014	
9.00	Registration
9.30 – 11.15	Plenary Panel B: Members or Former Members of New Religious Movements
11.15 – 11.40	<i>tea/coffee</i>
11.40 – 13.25	Parallel Session 1A Parallel Session 1B Parallel Session 1C
13.25 – 14.15	<i>lunch (provided)</i>
14.15 – 16.00	Parallel Session 2A Parallel Session 2B Parallel Session 2C Parallel Session 2D Parallel Session 2E
16.00 – 16.30	<i>tea/coffee</i>
16.30 – 18.15	Parallel Session 3A Parallel Session 3B Parallel Session 3C Parallel Session 3D Parallel Session 3E
18.15	End of day
19.00	Inform Anniversary Dinner at Dicken's Inn, St Katharine Dock. Cost of dinner is not included in the registration fee.

Sunday 2 February 2014	
9.00	Registration
9.30 – 11.15	Parallel Session 4A Parallel Session 4B Parallel Session 4C Parallel Session 4D Parallel Session 4E
11.15 – 11.40	<i>tea/coffee</i>
11.40 – 13.25	Parallel Session 5A Parallel Session 5B Parallel Session 5C Parallel Session 5D Parallel Session 5E
13.25 – 14.15	<i>lunch (provided)</i>
14.15 – 16.15	Plenary Panel C: a Word from the "Cultwatchers"
16.15	Conference ends

Plenary Panel Session	Speakers
<p>Plenary Panel A: a Word from our “Stakeholders” Friday 31 January 17.30 – 19.30</p>	The Right Reverend Graham James, Lord Bishop of Norwich
	Dr Damian Thompson, Editor of Telegraph Blogs and a Director of the Catholic Herald
	Warwick Hawkins, Head of Faith Communities Engagement, Integration Division, Department for Communities and Local Government
	Nick Parke, former police officer
	Philip Katz QC, Barrister
	Professor Conor Gearty, Professor of Human Rights Law, LSE
<p>Plenary Panel B: Members or Former Members of New Religious Movements Saturday 1 February 9.30 – 11.15</p>	Richard Barlow, former member of the Unification Church
	Abi Freeman, formerly a spokesperson and member of The Family International (TFI)
	Gauri das, executive secretary of ISKCON
	Terrill Park, Scientology Freezone
<p>Plenary Panel C: a Word from the “Cultwatchers” Sunday 2 February 14.15 – 16.15</p>	Dr Michael Langone of the International Cultic Studies Association
	Professor Gordon Melton of the Institute for the Study of American Religion
	Professor Eileen Barker of Inform
	Mike Kropveld of Info-Secte
	Professor James T. Richardson of University of Nevada, Reno
	Dr Massimo Introvigne of CESNUR

Parallel Sessions	Speaker(s)	Title of Paper
1A Mapping Minorities Saturday 1 February 11.40 – 13.25	Milda Ališauskienė	Religious minorities in Lithuania: contemplating the present
	Brigitte Knobel and Camille Gonzales	Mapping of religious minorities in Geneva
	Ringo Ringvee	What do the censuses tell about minority religions? Some reflections
	Christiane Königsted	Changes in the field of new religions in the mirror of secular law - the example of the French legal practices
1B The Academic Study of NRMs Over Time Saturday 1 February 11.40 – 13.25	George D. Chryssides and Stephen E. Gregg	'The Silent Majority'? beyond insider / outsider categories and understanding 'apostate testimony' in the future study of new religions
	Timothy Miller	Are the cult wars over, and if so, who won?
	Martyn Percy	Church, sect and cult: a new look at some old categories
	Benjamin Beit-Hallahmi	Why study NRMs?
1C Cult Reputations Saturday 1 February 11.40 – 13.25	Amanda van Eck	In good faith?
	Sarah Harvey	Ayahusaca in limbo, the UK situation
	Afe Adogame	What are new religious movements good for? African Christianities and the building of social and religious capital in Europe
	Megan Goodwin	'The Wall Between Us': American Sexual Exceptionalism and Minority Religions

<p style="text-align: center;">2A Children in New Religious Movements Saturday 1 February 14.15 – 16.00</p>	Liselotte Frisk	Different religion – different childhood: a comparison between the Osho Movement and Jehovah’s Witnesses
	Paulina Niechcial	Sacred homeland, glorious ancestors and old-time language. Ethnic elements in the identity of the Zoroastrian religious minority in modern Tehran
	Sanja Nilsson	Schooling Krishna’s Swedish grandchildren
	Jonny Scaramanga	Accelerated Christian Education: enforcing orthodoxy through loaded language
<p style="text-align: center;">2B Insider Perspectives I Saturday 1 February 14.15 – 16.00</p>	Vasudev Das	Sex and leadership crisis: Vaisnava Vedantic approach
	Robin Harragin and Shirley Paulson	Christian Scientists - pioneers or has-beens? A review of research on how Christian Science migrated across the Atlantic at the end of the nineteenth century with views on its future
	Eric Roux	Scientology: from controversy to global expansion and recognition
	Kishan Manocha	Religion, social change and responding to persecution – the case of the Baha’i community in Iran
<p style="text-align: center;">2C Therapeutic Considerations Saturday 1 February 14.15 – 16.00</p>	Linda Dubrow-Marshall, Rod Dubrow-Marshall and Steve K.D. Eichel	Evolving to enhance efficacy: the RETIRN model of intervening in cult-related cases
	Gillie Jenkinson	The Love of God community - reflections on membership of and recovery from an abusive bible-based NRM or cult
	Silke Steidinger	Enlightened or insane? The dilemmas and unique insights of having a sociologist hat and a psychotherapist hat

2D Spiritual Spaces Saturday 1 February 14.15 – 16.00	Wendy Dossett	Secularisation and the past, present and future of alcoholics anonymous
	Erin F. Johnston	Anticipating the future: the growth of practice-oriented spiritualities
	Suzanne Newcombe	The democratization of yoga in Britain
	Yvette Taylor and Emily Falconer	Queer religious youth: informal spaces of spirituality
2E The End of Time? Saturday 1 February 14.15 – 16.00	David V Barrett	Coping strategies for failed prophecies
	Eugene V. Gallagher	A guaranteed future for new religions
	Roland Littlewood	The end of a religion
	Andrew Fergus Wilson	Faith, Nation and Destiny: apocalyptic themes in extreme nationalist discourse
3A Legal Considerations Saturday 1 February 16.30 – 18.15	Stephanie Eleanor Berry	Freedom of religion and the protection of religious minorities: has the European Court of Human Rights lost its way?
	Sadia Mir	Protecting Human and Minority rights in the era of global governance – examining the methods and acknowledging the challenges, for a way forward
	Jura Nanuk	Religious freedom implications of recent Hungarian legislation: a case study of Hungarian evangelical fellowship and Jai Bhim Buddhist community

3B Minority Religions and New Media Saturday 1 February 16.30 – 18.15	François Xavier Baudiun	Reengineering the basis of the community in a new religious movement: how the internet and the concept of network has given to the Raelian movement a new breath
	James D. Holt	Mormons and the media. A historical analysis of a media history and the contextual framework for “I’m a Mormon”
	Erica Baffelli	Japanese ‘new religions’ and the media: dynamic and changes since the 1980s
	Beth Singler	No leader, no followers: the internet and the end of charisma?
3C Minority Religions and Conflict in the UK Saturday 1 February 16.30 – 18.15	Matthew Francis	Non-negotiable beliefs: making a useful distinction between the ‘sacred’ and ‘religion’
	Laurens de Rooji	Race, religion and conflict? Past practices the key to the future for Islam and Muslims in Britain
	Hardeep Singh	Mistaken identity: facing the negative rebound of Islamism in a post 9/11 age
	Douglas J. Davies	Mormonism in Britain - testimony and doubt
3D Subversive Seekers Saturday 1 February 16.30 – 18.15	Pavol Kosnáč	Pop culture-based religions: Can it actually work?
	Cyriaque Benoist	Game of Thrones: a good starting point for creating a new religious movement?
	Piera Talin	Building New Age sustainability in Santo Daime Ecovillage
	Christian Greer	Beneath the Underground: The Dissemination of The Church of The SubGenius Through the Marginal Press

3E Minority Religions and the State I Saturday 1 February 16.30 – 18.15	Norman Bonney	The attitude of the UK state towards minority religions
	J. Eugene Clay	Religious liberty in Russia after 1997
	Jeff Gary	In sharp relief: the study of new religious movements and radicalization in the UK
	Titus Hjelm	Paradoxes of religious legitimacy and authenticity in an age of expediency
4A Inform: Anticipating the Future Sunday 2 February 9.30 – 11.15	Sarah Harvey, Suzanne Newcombe and Amanda van Eck	New cults, changing contexts – how we make sense of it all
	Eileen Barker	The changing scene: What might happen and what might be less likely to happen?
	Nick Parke	Inform: Anticipating the future – the Director’s cut
4B Geographical Perspectives Sunday 2 February 9.30 – 11.15	Luisa Gandolfo	Divine intervention?: the role of third-party religious actors in the Palestine-Israel conflict
	Danijela Milićević	ISKCON – two decades in two (different) environments – Serbia and Croatia
	Claude Proeschel	Religious minorities in democratic Spain: rekindle with the past and part of the future
	Stephen Schwartz	The Bektashi-Alevi Continuum from the Balkans to Iran: Sufi Minorities and Politics

4C Insider Perspectives II Sunday 2 February 9.30 – 11.15	John Allan	Brahma Kumaris Info: the use of internet technologies to promote remedial reform and constructive developments within minority religions
	Han Gang-Hyen and Kim Young Suk	The Role and Future of a Korean new religious movement: The Victory Altar and the development of neo-humans
	Shruti Kulkarni	Religion and social justice: learning from the past, looking to the future. A Vedic perspective
	Moojan Momen	Change and development in the Baha'i Faith
4D Minority Religions and the State II Sunday 2 February 9.30 – 11.15	Sylvie Toscer-Angot	The evolution of the status of Islam in Germany: what implications for the future?
	Anthony Fiscella	Communication breakdown: MOVE, the U.S. Court System, and critical religion theory
	Susan Palmer	New religious responses to police raids and state "persecution": collective memories, theological innovation and social reorganization
	Guillaume Roucoux	Four generations of scholars researching <i>les dites "sectes"</i> in France
4E New Religious Movements Over Time Sunday 2 February 9.30 – 11.15	Anne Mette Fisker-Nielson	From Japanese Buddhist sect to global citizenship: Soka Gakkai past and future
	Claire Borowik	From radical communalism to virtual community: The Family International
	John-Paul King	Coming In From The Cold: the use of faith-based social care and action as a means of building social, symbolic capital and community integration for a once marginalised Christian NRM.
	Donald Westbrook	Invitation to future research on the Church of Scientology

5A New Religious Movements: Surveying the Literature Sunday 2 February 11.40 – 13.25	George D. Chryssides	From deviance to devotion: the evolution of NRM studies
	Steven Sutcliffe	Scholarship on seekership: explaining traffic in and out of (new) religions
	Margaret Z. Wilkins	Classical comments: treacherous new rites: writing on NRMS in the ancient world
	Benjamin E. Zeller	Writing and researching on new religious movements: A view from the American Academy
5B New Religious Movements and their Public Image Sunday 2 February 11.40 – 13.25	András Máté-Tóth and Gábor Dániel Nagy	Empirical research among the membership of Scientology in Germany, Hungary and Switzerland
	Ruth Bradby	Worldwide but barely a minority: A Course in Miracles
	Eugenia Roussou	Spiritual movements in times of crisis: an anthropological account of esotericism in Portugal and Greece.
	B Scherer	A Neo-orthodox Buddhist Movement in Transition: the late-charismatic status quo and the post-charismatic perspectives of the Diamond Way
5C Paganism Sunday 2 February 11.40 – 13.25	Adam Anczyk	Neopaganism in Poland from the 1990s till the Present
	Shai Feraro	Is there a future for Neopaganism in the Holy Land? Past and present in the shaping of a community-building discourse among Israeli Pagans, 1998-2013
	Melissa Harrington	Paganism – from occult anomaly to Britain’s largest New Religious Movement in 50 years; contemplating the past, and anticipating the future

5D Negotiating Religious Identity Sunday 2 February 11.40 – 13.25	Alessandro Amicarelli	Islam in America: The Moorish Science Temple of America
	Dawn-Marie Gibson	Negotiating the generational and gender barrier in Louis Farrakhan's Nation of Islam
	Jessica Finnigan	You Can't Smash the Internet: Historical Analysis of the LDS's Efforts to Shape Technology, and how the Internet has Changed the Rules of the Game
	Adviya Khan	Black, female, Muslim and a Hip-Hop artist- a case study of conversion
5E Anti-Cult Movement Reactions Sunday 2 February 11.40 – 13.25	Dinka Marinović Jerolimov, Ankica Marinović and Branko Ančić	Is there emergence of anti-cult movement in Croatia?
	Adam Klin-Oron and Rachel Werczberger	Cult, anti-cult and academia in Israel: ruminations on the past, reflections on the future
	Essi Mäkelä	Religion and law meets new religiosity
	Sebastian Năstuță	Anticipating the future evolution of Jehovah's Witness in Europe